

## Current Radon Testing Requirements for Schools:

Most schools test for radon in preschool rooms and day care centers according to standards by DHS and Iowa Department of Education.

### Child Care School-Operated Programs

- Iowa Code section 279.49 requires that child care programs operated or contracted for by a school must either meet licensing requirements of the Department of Human Services [or](#)
  - [DHS Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures](#)
- Meet the standards for child care programs adopted by the State Board of Education
  - [Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards](#)

### Child Care Programs

- Iowa Code 279.49 – Board of directors of a school corporation may operate or contract for the operation of a program to provide child care to children not enrolled in school or to students enrolled in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade before and after school, or to both.
- Programs shall either meet standards adopted by state board of education or shall be licensed by DHS under IC 237A.
  - **Beginning January 1, 2016 (HF 347), school districts operating child care programs for children not enrolled in school, or to students enrolled in K-6 before and after school, or to both [shall be licensed by the department of human services \(DHS\) under chapter 237A.](#)**
- A program operated by a school under contract which is not located on property owned or leased by the school must be licensed by DHS.

### Preschool Programs

- [Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards](#) (IQPPS adopted by State Board of Education in 2007)
- IQPPS Standard 9 – Physical Environment  
Environmental Health 9.16 – Documentary evidence, available on-site, indicates that the building has been assessed for lead, radon, radiation, asbestos, fiberglass, or any other hazard from friable material. Evidence exists that the program has taken remedial or containment action to prevent exposure to children and adults if warranted by the assessment.